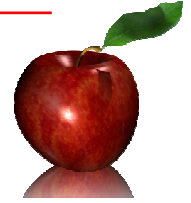


Third Grade



September 2010



Welcome Back!!!

We are off to a great start in third grade.

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Reading/Language Arts



In September, our main focus is on elements and characteristics of realistic fiction. We will be discussing and identifying elements which categorize stories as "believable" and "not-believable".

In addition, the students will be completing Frayer Models and Concept Maps, two key vocabulary analysis strategies that will help them understand new words. Students will be signing up for book talks and will be presenting them during the week of September 27th. A Book talk is a short presentation that allows students to share a book that they would like to recommend to the class. The procedure will be modeled and directions will be sent home.

Math

We are currently working in Unit 1 which covers place value, organizing and collecting data, and addition and subtraction strategies. The Above Plus class will also be covering geometry topics as the unit progresses. The target date for the assessment is the week of October 23rd. A separate newsletter will go home prior to the assessment reviewing the essential questions and key concepts of the Unit. We encourage all students to complete their homework to the best of their ability, and to practice basic facts nightly.



Writing

We will be working on the organization of ideas in writing, sentence structure and paragraph writing. Students will be encouraged to include sensory details in their writing as well as writing about memories.



Social Studies/ Geography

We will explore our Economics unit and focus on human, natural and capital resources and how they affect the consumer. We will also be studying the geographic characteristics (physical and human-made features) of the land. We will be exploring, reading, and creating different types of maps.



Important dates

September 6— Holiday
Labor Day

September 9—Holiday
Rosh Hashanah

September 14—Primary
Election Day No School

September 22—Back To
School Night 7:00p.m.

September 30—Back To
School Picnic 5:00—
7:00p.m.

Important Reminder



Please remember to check and sign student's planners nightly.

Science

Our first unit in science will be focusing on plant growth and development. In addition to growing our own Wisconsin Fast Plants, we will be studying honeybees and the pollination process.

